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Canine Influenza

If there is a canine flu outbreak in your area, avoid taking your dog to public places, avoid sick dogs, wash your hands after touching other dogs, isolate your dog and seek veterinary care if your dog becomes ill.

- Canine Influenza is a virus that infects dogs. Most dogs are susceptible to infection.
- Humans do not typically become ill from the virus, but can transmit it to a dog on their hands, clothes, or other objects.
- Dogs become ill from coming in contact with a sick dog or with contaminated objects.
- Clinical signs are runny nose, coughing, sneezing, fever, lack of appetite, and tiredness. Some dogs have no clinical signs, and only a few will have severe illness.
- Your veterinarian can treat your dog's clinical signs. Most dogs will recover in 2-3 weeks.
- Canine Influenza vaccines are available through your veterinarian.
- Dogs can shed the virus for up to a month. It is best to keep your dog away from other dogs for a month from the beginning of the illness.
- To get more information, contact your veterinarian.



Canine flu is not reportable, but all animal disease outbreaks are reportable to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture at (615) 837-5120.